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SUBJECT : IDENTIFICATION MILITARY COUP LEADERS

REFERENCE: TRIPOLI 2183 Pol 23-9 LIBYA

1. NAME OF NEW LIBYAN COMMANDER IN CHIEF MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAAFI PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN SEPTEMBER 9 TRIPOLI PRESS. ALL PAPERS CARRY TEXT RCC ORDER PROMOTING HIM FROM CAPTAIN TO COLONEL AND NAMING HIM AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF. ORDER LAUDS AL-QADHAAFI FOR HIS EFFORTS IN MUSTERING OFFICERS FOR SAKE SUCCESS OF MOVEMENT. ORDER STRESSES THAT HE HAS CONFIDENCE OF OFFICERS WHO CARRIED OUT REVOLUTION.

2. AL-RAA'ID PUBLISHES FOLLOWING BIO INFO RE AL-QADHAAFI: 27 YEARS OLD, HISTORY GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LIBYA, ENTERED LIBYAN MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1963, UPON GRADUATION IN 1965 HE JOINED SIGNAL CORPS. ARTICLE ADDS THAT AL-QADHAAFI LED ORGANIZING OF "FREE OFFICERS" IN SIGNAL CORPS. SENT WITH MILITARY DELEGATION TO UK IN 1966 FOR NINE MONTHS.

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